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April 2, 2008

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

**RE: Preliminary Lease Sale List - Request for Comments
June 10, 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

The Department has received nominations for the June 10, 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, and is requesting comments. The only action proposed at this time is the issuance of leases for possible future exploration and production of oil and gas. Before actual activity on a state lease may occur, the Department will prepare an environmental review of the proposed activity. The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation also must review and issue a permit before any actual activity can occur.

The enclosed Preliminary Lease Sale list summarizes the tracts nominated for lease. The list sorts the tracts by county, and then by legal location within the county (i.e. township, range and section). A reference map is also included. The general areas where tracts are located are identified by numbered circles, which corresponds to the map location numbers for each county on the Preliminary Lease Sale list. The final lease sale list may not include all tracts currently listed, but no tracts will be added. Lease sale tract numbers will be assigned when the final list is prepared. The final list will be distributed on or about May 19, 2008 and will also include a listing of any additional stipulations.

If you have any comments regarding the tracts on the Preliminary Lease Sale List, please submit them in writing by **May 2, 2008** to "O&G Lease Sale Comments, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620-1601."

Lease sale lists, dates, and important deadlines are also available on our website -- (<http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/>).

If you would like your name added to our mailing list to automatically receive future information related to our oil and gas lease sales, please let us know at the above address or contact the Mineral Leasing Section at (406) 444-2074.

Sincerely,
MINERAL LEASING SECTION

Enclosure(s)

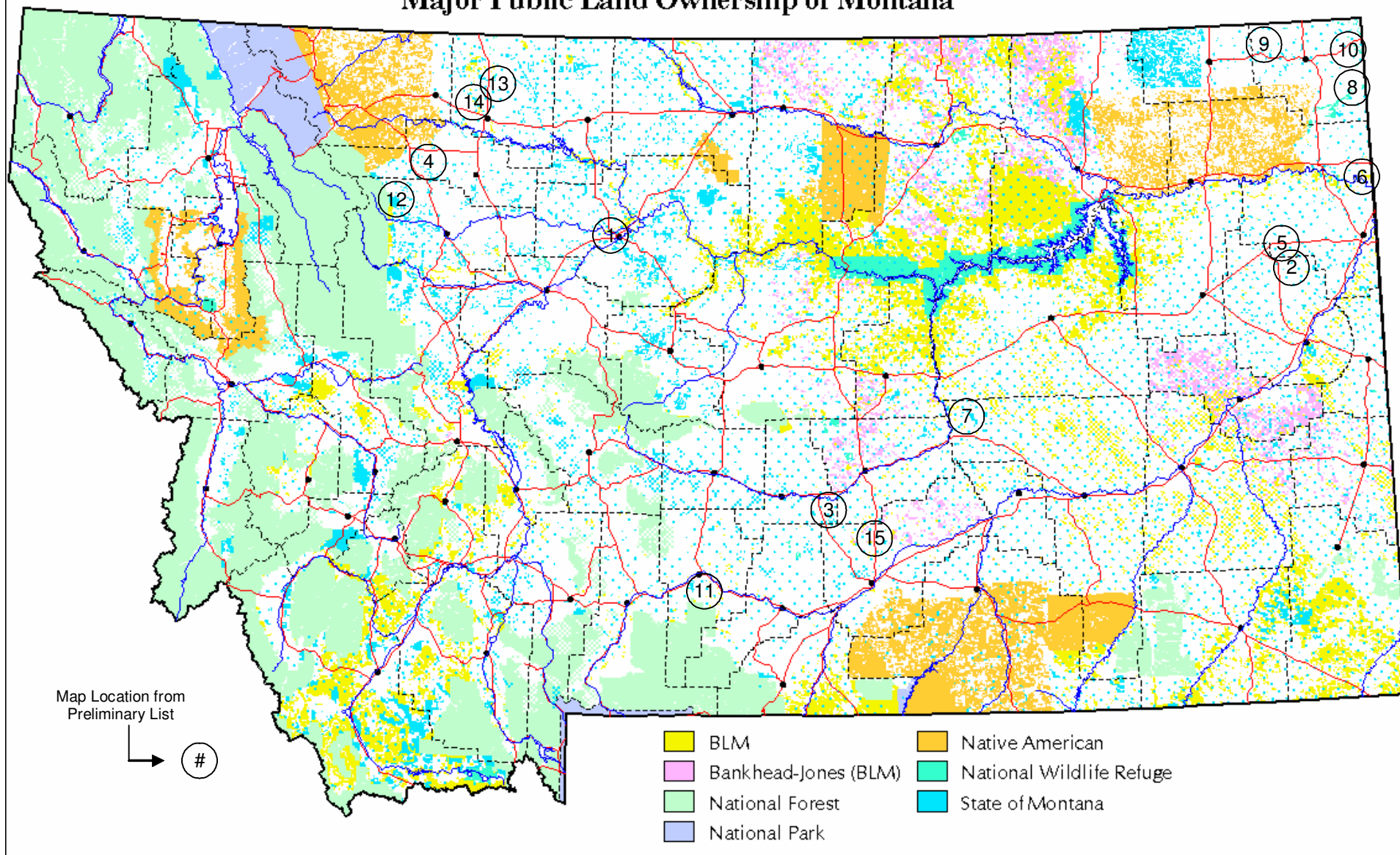
State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - June 10, 2008
Preliminary Lease Sale List

App#	Map Location	Twp	Rge	Sec	Description	Acres
Chouteau		1				
5001		24.N	8.E	10	NE4SW4, NW4SE4, S2S2, Teton Riverbed and related acreage	248.00
5002		24.N	8.E	11	SW4	160.00
5003		24.N	8.E	15	NW4, N2NE4, SW4NE4	280.00
Dawson		2				
5024		21.N	55.E	16	All	* 640.00
5025		21.N	55.E	25	W2, W2NE4, SE4NE4, SE4	600.00
5026		21.N	55.E	34	SE4NW4, SW4NE4, E2NE4, S2	480.00
5027		21.N	55.E	36	All	640.00
Golden Valley		3				
5049		5.N	23.E	14	All	640.00
5050		5.N	23.E	22	All	* 640.00
5051		5.N	23.E	24	W2, N2NE4, SW4NE4, NW4SE4	* 480.00
5052		5.N	23.E	26	All	* 640.00
5053		5.N	23.E	28	S2	* 320.00
5054		5.N	23.E	32	All	640.00
5055		5.N	23.E	34	All	640.00
Pondera		4				
5008		28.N	6.W	36	All	640.00
Richland		5				
5028		21.N	56.E	16	All	640.00
5029		21.N	56.E	29	All	640.00
5030		21.N	56.E	31	All	640.00
5031		21.N	57.E	7	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E2W2, E2	635.80
5032		21.N	57.E	16	All	640.00
5033		21.N	57.E	25	All	640.00
5034		21.N	57.E	28	NE4	160.00
5035		21.N	57.E	30	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E2W2, SE4	476.80
5036		21.N	57.E	36	All	640.00
5037		22.N	55.E	16	All	640.00
5038		22.N	55.E	26	W2	320.00
5039		22.N	55.E	36	All	640.00
5040		22.N	57.E	16	All	640.00
Roosevelt		6				
5011		26.N	58.E	2	Missouri Riverbed and related acreage	194.54
5012		27.N	57.E	4	All	* 640.00
5013		27.N	57.E	7	SW4NE4, W2SE4, NE4SW4	160.00
5014		27.N	57.E	17	N2NW4, NW4NE4	120.00
5015		27.N	58.E	26	Missouri Riverbed and related acreage	224.00

App#	Map Location	Twp	Rge	Sec	Description	Acres
5016		27.N	58.E	35	Missouri Riverbed and related acreage	236.00
5017		27.N	58.E	36	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, N2NW4, SE4NW4, NE4, N2SE4, SW4SE4, Missouri Riverbed and related acreage	640.00
Rosebud	7					
5005		11.N	33.E	5	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S2N2, S2	640.40
5006		11.N	33.E	9	All	640.00
Sheridan	8, 9, 10					
5023		32.N	59.E	16	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, W2, from the surface to the base of the Charles formation	485.88
5041		34.N	58.E	16	NW4, NW4NE4, S2NE4, S2	* 600.00
5042		35.N	58.E	21	SE4	160.00
5043		35.N	58.E	28	NE4	160.00
5022		36.N	53.E	16	All, limited to the Bakken formation	* 640.00
5009		36.N	54.E	8	NE4	* 160.00
5010		36.N	54.E	9	NW4	* 160.00
5044		36.N	57.E	16	All	640.00
5045		36.N	57.E	36	All	640.00
5046		36.N	58.E	36	Lots 1 thru 12, NE4NW4, W2W2, and lakebeds within section	* 843.00
5048		37.N	52.E	36	All	* 640.00
Sweet Grass	11					
5004		1.S	15.E	16	All	640.00
Teton	12					
5018		26.N	8.W	4	Lots 1, 2, SE4NW4	136.15
5019		26.N	8.W	5	Lot 2, S2NW4, SW4NE4	168.22
5020		26.N	8.W	16	Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, NW4, W2NE4, NW4SE4, N2SW4	519.48
5021		27.N	8.W	33	SW4SE4	40.00
Toole	13, 14					
5047		35.N	1.E	35	W2E2, E2NW4, SE4SE4, NE4SW4	320.00
5007		33.N	2.W	36	All, below the base of the Kootenai formation	640.00
Yellowstone	15					
5056		4.N	26.E	26	E2W2	160.00

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

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Areas where tracts are proposed for lease are noted with a large number corresponding to the map location number on the preliminary lease sale list. To view or print a color copy, please visit our website (<http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmbog.htm>) and view or download our sale list.